

International Relations Committee

Meeting held June 30, 2021

A meeting of the International Relations Committee is held this day commencing at 3:30 o'clock p.m. via Zoom video conference, there being present the following members:

Councillor Fred Francis, Chair
Councillor Gary Kaschak
Councillor Ed Sleiman
Daniel Ableser
Jerry Barycki
Maria Belenkova
Ronnie Haidar
William Ma
L.T. Zhao

Regrets received from:

Councillor Fabio Costante
Steven Spagnuolo

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 3:31 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. Declaration of Conflict

None disclosed.

3. Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Councillor Sleiman, seconded by W. Ma,

That the minutes of the International Committee of its meeting held March 23, 2021

BE ADOPTED as presented.

Carried.

4. Business Items

4.1 5th Annual Children's Virtual Art Exhibition – "WE ARE 1 WORLD"

S. Gebauer reports that the invitations have been sent to all of our Twin Cities as well as all of the participants from the 2020 virtual Children's Art Exhibition. She adds that feedback was received from last year's participants; a few of the Twin Cities have confirmed their participation, and approximately twelve entries have been received from local children. It appears to be another successful Children's Art Exhibit and the Committee will be apprised of the Twin Cities participation following the deadline of July 15, 2021.

Moved by M. Belenkova, seconded by L.T. Zhao,

That the update provided by the Council Assistant relating to the 5th Annual Children's Virtual Art Exhibition – "WE ARE 1 WORLD" **BE RECEIVED.**

Carried.

4.2 Letter from the Chair IRC – Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce Initiative

The Chair suggests that the letter prepared in 2021 on behalf of the IRC and the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce regarding an initiative to support local businesses in our sister cities be sent to the Twin Cities in September 2021.

Moved by Councillor Kaschak, seconded by M. Belenkova,

That the letter to be sent to the Twin Cities on behalf of the IRC and the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce regarding an initiative to support local businesses looking to expand their markets **BE SENT** to our sister cities in September 2021.

Carried.

5. Communications

5.1 Councillor Francis, on behalf of Mayor Dilkens attended the April 23, 2021 Virtual Coventry Twin Cities Summit and the Letter of Greetings from Coventry, England

Moved by Councillor Kaschak, seconded by D. Ableser,
That the communication regarding the attendance of Councillor Francis on behalf of Mayor Dilkens at the April 23, 2021 Virtual Coventry Twin Cities Summit and the letter of Greetings from Coventry, England **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

5.2 Letter from President Zuk, Lublin, Poland – European Youth Capital 2023

J. Barycki responds that he spoke to Mr. Krzysztof Stanowski, Director of the International Cooperation Centre prior to the meeting who suggested creating a small youth group to prepare some programs and from that could join and be in Lublin in 2023. J. Barycki adds this an outstanding opportunity for Lublin to gather people and programs related to youth in terms of the European Union but they are also looking for our sister cities for input, participation and involvement. We could interact with the European Union, which is very important for Canada as well.

The Chair advises that S. Gebauer will continue to reach out to Lublin and will provide more information at the next meeting.

Moved by J. Barycki, seconded by Councillor Sleiman,
That the letter from President Zuk, regarding the European Youth Capital 2023 award **BE RECEIVED**, and further that the Council Assistant provide further information regarding the implementation of planned international activities for the program for 2023.
Carried.

6. New Business

None.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on a date and time to be determined in September 2021.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 3:46 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR